

Today's Theme

“Live With Joy Forever”

Series Title: “What Jesus Wants From Me”

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Concerning Joy

1. Joy = different _____ to different _____.
2. Happiness & joy are _____ things.
3. Happiness is _____ to circumstances.
4. Happiness can't _____ long term.
5. Joy is _____ from God Himself.
6. Joy is *I* _____ of things:
 - (1) Joy has _____ attached.
 - (2) Joy involves a _____.
 - (3) Joy is a _____ to something.
 - (4) Joy can be a _____ experienced.

Truth About Joy

1. Joy That Lasts Comes From _____.
Psalm 4:7 Fill my heart with joy when their grain and new wine abound. 8 In peace I will lie down and sleep, for you alone, Lord, make me dwell in safety.
2. Joy Is Stable Because Of _____.
Jeremiah 15:16 When your words came, I ate them; they were my joy and my heart's delight, for I bear your name, Lord God Almighty. 1 John 1:4 We write this to make our joy complete. 3 John 4 I have no greater joy than to hear that my children are walking in the truth.

3. Joy Is Often Built By _____.

James 1:2 Consider it pure joy, my brothers and sisters, whenever you face trials of many kinds, 3 because you know that the testing of your faith produces perseverance. 4 Let perseverance finish its work so that you may be mature and complete, not lacking anything.

2 Cor 12:10 That is why, for Christ's sake, I delight in weaknesses, in insults, in hardships, in persecutions, in difficulties. For when I am weak, then I am strong.

Matt 5:12 Rejoice and be glad, because great is your reward in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you.

4. Joy _____ Tremendously to Life.

Matt 13:44 “The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field. When a man found it, he hid it again, and then in his joy went and sold all he had and bought that field.

1 Peter 1:8 Though you have not seen him, you love him; and even though you do not see him now, you believe in him and are filled with an inexpressible and glorious joy,

Questions To Think About

1. What is my regular _____ of joy on an ongoing basis? What would Jesus _____ it to be?
2. What do you _____ inexpressible joy is?
3. What do we need to _____ to get this joy functioning _____ in our life?